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SUBJECT: UNESCO MEETING RE DRAFT RECOMMENDATION ON
DEMOCRATIC ACCESS TO CULTURE

REFS: A) PARIS 8239; B) PARIS 8564; C) PARIS 9511;
D) PARIS 9597; E) PARIS 9626

1. ORIGINAL REASONS FOR U. S. NOT PARTICIPATING IN SUBJECT
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MEETING (SEE REF B) STILL SEEM VALID TO US, ESPECIALLY

GIVEN DIFFICULTY AT THIS LATE DATE OF FIELDING AN ADEQUATELY INSTRUCTED DELEGATION. WE ALSO AGREE WITH PERM DEL'S JUDGEMENT (REF E, PARA 3) THAT IT WOULD BE VERY DIFFICULT TO PREDICT THAT U. S. WOULD HAVE SWING VOTE AT MEETING. ON OTHER HAND, AN ELEVENTH HOUR VOLTE FACE, ON WHAT WOULD BE SEEN TO BE POLITICAL GROUNDS, COULD HAVE NEGATIVE EFFECT ON ATMOSPHERE OF MEETING AND MAKE IT LESS RATHER THAN MORE LIKELY THAT MODERATE VIEWS OF LIKE-MINDED STATES SYMPHATETIC TO U. S. POSITION WOULD PREVAIL. PLEASE DRAW ON FOREGOING IN REPLYING TO DEPUTY UK PERM REP BIRRELL AND IN REAFFIRMING DEPT'S DECISION NOT TO PARTICIPATE IN MEETING.

2. DEPT. ALSO SHARES PERMDEL'S DISAPPOINTMENT THAT SOVIET INTEREST IN FURTHERING "MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING; IN UNESCO

CONTEXT (AS REPORTED REF A) HAS THUS FAR FOUND SO LITTLE EXPRESSION, AS IS EVIDENT FROM SOVIET DRAFT LANGUAGE THAT MAKES ZIONISM/RACISM IDENTIFICATION. IN VIEW SOVIET WILLINGNESS DURING 17TH GENERAL CONFERENCE OF UNESCO IN FALL OF 1972 TO DELETE ZIONISM REFERENCE FROM SAME KIND OF REFERENCES, IN FAVOR OF VERY BROAD, RELATIVELY BLAND LANGUAGE, WE SHARE PERMDEL'S SKEPTICISM (PARA 6 OF REF C) THAT SOVIET USE OF "ZIONISM" NOW IS ACCIDENTAL.

3. THEREFORE, IF SOVIETS, AS APPEARS INCREASINGLY' LIKELY, SPURN DG M'BOW'S EFFORTS TO HAVE THEM REMOVE AT LEAST THE HIGHLY OFFENSIVE REFERENCE TO ZIONISM, PERM-REP SHOULD INFORM SOVIET AMBASSADOR PIRADOV OF U. S. DISPLEASURE AND DISAPPOINTMENT, ALONG LINES SUGGESTED PARA 7 OF REF D, AND SEEK EXPLANATION OF WHY, IN VIEW PIRADOV'S VERY RECENT EFFORTS TO CREATE MORE POSITIVE BASIS FOR U.S.-SOVIET RELATIONS IN UNESCO FORUM, USSR HAS GONE OUT OF ITS WAY TO INJECT ZIONISM/RACISM ISSUE INTO NEXT WEEK'S UNESCO MEETING. KISSINGER

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